

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES

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RE: New CMS Project Update #8

Dear elevator industry business, property owner or manager, or stakeholder,

Here is what's new regarding the New Conveyance Management System Project:

Project update

- **Onboarding continues.** The process to onboard the project vendor, <u>Aithent</u>, continues this month. This process involves vendor representatives meeting with agency staff, including the Elevator Program. Discussions involve a formal project plan and schedule.
- A look ahead. We look toward presenting a system preview early in 2023. That virtual presentation will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions and talk to agency and vendor representatives. When a formal date is scheduled, we'll let you know.
- Stakeholder Interview presentation. The Elevator Safety Advisory Committee met Nov. 15 and the results of nearly 30 interviews mostly with internal staff were presented. Comments focused on the need for a customer focus and accountability as the project moves forward. Accountability will mean delivering on our promises; customer focus means the needs of people who will work with the new system, both internal and external, will be a priority. What will we do with this information? The survey results will inform us as we focus on other opportunities to communicate and engage with you.
- Fee increase finalized. Earlier this month, L&I filed the formal schedule of fee increases in support of the new project. You can review the new fees here or on the program's "Rule Development" page. Details are in the "CR-103" document, filed with the state Office of the Code Reviser.

Schedule of what's next

Fee increase: Jan. 1, 2023, 8.5 percent; Jan. 1, 2024, 8.5 percent

Public presentation on New CMS: Early in 2023

System Go-live date: January 2024

Background

Since 2006, the current system provides permitting, inspection, and other information for L&I's Elevator Program. It is aging, failing, and no longer meets the needs of customers and staff. The \$3.52 million project for a new system includes funds from state government and fee increases. The New CMS, scheduled to go live in January 2024, will include a secure customer portal for you to manage your account.

If you have questions about the new system, please contact the Elevator Program, at 360-999-0592 or ElevatorSect@Lni.wa.gov.

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